1: Wang, Hsing-ju. Hainan Tao chih Miao-jen [The Miao People of Hainan Island]. Chung-kuo Pien-chiang Yen-chiu Shin [Institute for Chinese Frontier Studies], Chu-hai University, Series B, No. 2. Canton: 1948.

Pp. v, 146; 4 plates; tables; 1 map

Translated from the Chinese for the Human Relations Area Files by Te-Kong Tong.

[The "Miao" of Hainan Island, according to Inez De Beauclair and others should probably be considered as Yao. This study is the companion volume to the author's Report on an Investigation of the Li of Hainan Island (which is still in manuscript form), based on the field work of 1937. The author aims to cover "every phase of the 'Miao' life" and includes discussions of the following: origin, distribution, population, language, economic conditions, social organization, daily life, customs and practices, religion, superstitions, songs and legends, and intergroup relations between the Chinese, the Li and the "Miao." The author's diary kept in the field is included as the appendix. This study is primarily based on the author's observations and interviews, but also on family registers and some "Miao" scripts kept as family heirlooms by headmen. The author is a native of Hainan and understands local dialect. He was a member of a joint commission for the investigation of the Li and "Miao" of Hainan Island. Although there are some ambiguous points and inevitable errors

1: Wang, Hsing-ju.

involved in the transcription of any oral materials, the texts of legends and songs in Chapter VIII provide a valuable source for further analysis. Singing, an important aspect of Miao life, is a formalized medium of communication between men and women in love, guests and hosts, the priest and congregation at the funeral, wedding, feasts, etc. --Analyst.]

Field date: 1937
Analyst: Hesung C. Koh

Evaluation: Social Scientist-5
Processed in 1962

2: Ling Shun-shêng and Ruey Yih-fu. Hsiang-hsi Miao-tsu Tiao-ch'a Pao-kao [A Report on an Investigation of the Miao of Western Hunan]. Academia Sinica, The Institute of History and Philology, Monographs, Series A, No. 18. Shanghai, 1947.

Pp. /xxiii/ 479; 120 illustrations; 3 fold-out maps (illustrations 1-3)

Yale: Fvh15 / Ac125 18 /HRAF MS. pp. xi, 356/

Translated from the Chinese for the Human Relations Area Files by Lien-en Tsao.

/Omitted from files: Chapter x, Folklore/

/This study is an investigation of the Hunan Miao visited by the authors in the spring and summer of 1933. The field work was proportioned in the following manner: Ling Shun-shêng, whose data appear in the first eight chapters, studied

2: Ling & Ruey.

the geography, life customs, drum dances, etc.; Ruey Yih-fu wrote the three chapters on folklore (not translated), folk songs, language, and parts of the chapters on magic and religion, and Yung T'u-heng (not mentioned above in the bibliographical citation), supplied the photographs, drawings, and cartography. Some of the data presented in this source, however, are from secondary sources--historical records and documents as for example in the chapters on history and geography and in chapters 6 and 7 on Miao officials and the T'un system of defense. Ethnographic data appearing in this source pertain to: cultural identification and geographical distribution of the Miao, geography, economics, family organization, marriage, funerary practices, political organization, magic and religion, and dances and amusements. General bibliographical citations appearing as footnotes to the text will be found in category 116, but when these references clearly refer to the Miao, they have also been marked for category 113. There is much information in this source on Miao religion, especially in regard to propitiation ceremonies for the purposes of curing, insuring luck, etc., and on the various Miao dances. -- Analyst/

Field date: 1933
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Ethnologists - 5
Processed in 1964

111 AE5 Miao

3: Moninger, M.M., The Hainanese Miao. Journal of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. Lii, pp. 40-50, Shanghai, China: 1921.

Yale: Fd 12. R 826. II 52.

/This brief article describes the material culture of the Miao people on Hainan Island. The author visited the Miao for about six weeks. --Analyst/

Field date: none
Analyst: Frank W. Moore

Evaluation: Ethnologist--5
Processed in 1955

111 AE5 Miao

4: Mickey, Margaret Portia. The Cowrie Shell Miao of Kweichow. Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Vol. XXXII, No. 1. Cambridge: 1947.

Pp. x, 83; 20 text figures, including 8 plates.

Yale: C52. 011. 32/1

[This source is a general ethnography of the Cowrie Shell Miao village of Yang-chia-sai in Lung-li hsien, Ting-shui-pa valley, south central Kweichow. The author describes ceremonial and ritual practices more fully than social structure ("Institutions"). There are some vivid illustrations of the nature of Chinese-Miao contacts, focussing attention on the degree to which the Cowrie Shell Miao of Yang-chia-sai village have become Sinicized. There is a section on ceremonial bull fighting by Dr. Wu Tzu-lin, which originally appeared in a local newspaper. --Analyst]

Field date: 1940-?
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Ethnologist--5
Processed in 1955

5: Hudspeth, William H. Stone Gateway and the Flowery Miao. London: The Cargate Press, 1937.

Yale: Ma 2. H869

Omitted from files: Chapter V through Epilogue, pp. 57-86.

Pp. 87.

[The author, an English Methodist missionary, writes of his work with the Flowery Miao. The background material provides us with one rare, if not unique, English language source with an overall sketch of the culture of these primitive farmers and hunters. Material of purely inspirational or missionary relevance has been omitted from the files. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Leslie L. Clark

Evaluation: Missionary--5
Processed in 1955

6: Ch'en, Kuo-chun. Kweichow An-shun Miao-I ti tsung-chiao hsin Yang. [Religious Beliefs of the Miao and I Tribes in An-shun Kweichow.] Pien-chen Kung-lun [Frontier Affairs], Vol. I, No. 7, 8. pp. 88-92. Chungking: 1942.

Yale: Bj. 1a. P59.1 [HRAF MS pp. i, 14]

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[The religious life of the Miao and Miao-acculturated Chung-chia of the An-shun area is described. Attention is given to the following topics: Chinese influence on religion (including ancestral tablets); Catholic and Protestant missions; mediums, both male and female; the spirit theory of disease; magical and mental therapy; native deities; purification ceremonies; ancestor worship; medical killing of children (sic); divination; and sorcery. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Ethnologist--5
Processed in 1956

7: Clarke, Samuel R. Among the Tribes of South-west China. London: The China Inland Mission, 1911.

Pp. xx, 315

Yale: Mjp32.C55

Omitted from the Files: Part II (pp. 137-302)

[Drawing upon his own observations and experiences and those of some fellow missionaries, the author has written short enthnographic accounts of 3 non-Chinese groups inhabiting Kweichow, in southwest China. There is an opening chapter describing Kweichow, its history, its topography and its inhabitants. There follow three chapters on the Miao and one each on the Chung-chia (Shan) and the Lolo (Nosu). Mr. Clarke pays special attention to the religious life of the peoples he describes; there is also some coverage of their social organization and relations with the Chinese. Two appendices in the back of the book give sample vocabularies from various tribal languages in southwest China. Two maps at the front of the book indicate clearly the area described by Mr. Clarke.

111 AE5 Miao--2

7; Clarke, Samuel R.

Portions of this source have been marked for other files as indicated:

Sino-Tibetan Border AE3. Pp. 313-315.
Lolo AE4. Pp. 112-136; 305-315.
Shan-Thai AL3. Pp. 89-111; 305-312. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Missionary--3
Processed in 1956

8: Graham, David Crockett. The Customs of the Ch'uan Miao. Journal of the West China Border Research Society, Vol. IX, pp. 13-70. Shanghai: Thomas Chu and Sons, 1937.

Chicago Natural History Museum: 508.6/W.524

/A fairly complete (for its size) general ethnography, this source deals with the following topics: language (grammar and phonology especially); historical background; subsistence; dwellings; measures; furniture; clothing; embroidery; family life; kinship terminology; ethnocentrism; village government; sports and games; music; sex; ceremonials; marriage; life cycle; magico-religious practitioners; divination; sacrifice; burial and mourning; festival-ceremonial calendary; legends; eschatology; supernaturals; amulests; and missions. Six of the 13 plates are excellent reproduction of Ch'uan Miao clothing and embroidery; the rest are concerned with clothing,

8: Graham, David Crockett.

ceremonial, and kinship terminology. The Miao people described here are probably Szechwan Hua (Flowery) Miao; however, they may be White Miao. For further information on the Ch'uan Miao, see 9: Graham and 10: Graham. -- Analyst/

Field date: 1921-1936
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Ethnologist--5
Processed in 1956

111 AE5 Miao

9: Graham, David Crockett. The Ceremonies of the Ch'uan Miao. Journal of the West China Border Research Society, Vol. IX, pp. 1-2, 71-119. Shanghai: Thomas Chu and Sons, 1937.

Chicago Natural History Museum: 508.6 / W. 524

Translated from the Miao into Chinese by Hsiung Ts'ao-sung.
Translated from the Chinese by David Crockett Graham, with the assistance of Hsiung Ts'ao-sung.

[The contents of this source are three essays written by natives who are not scientifically trained observers (two of these informants are farmers and the third, a mo priest). The first text is a description of some of the activities of the tuan kung (curer or "medicine man"); the other two are descriptions of the activities of the mo priests with special reference to mortuary practices and ancestor worship. The Miao described here are probably Szechwan Hua (Flowery) Miao; however, they may be White Miao. For further information on the Ch'uan Miao, see 8: Graham and 10: Graham. --Analyst]

Field date: 1921-1936
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Ethnologist--5
Processed in 1956

10: Graham, David Crockett. Songs and Stories of the Ch'uan Miao. Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 123, no. 1, pp. iii-xi, 1-336. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1954.

24 plates.

Yale: A52. 60. 123

Omitted from Files: pp. 11-336.

[The pages of this source included in the files are the introduction to an article which is a collection of songs and stories of the Ch'uan Miao. The introduction contains brief information on the indentity, economy, social organization, religion, and language of the Ch'uan Miao. The author spent many years with these people. The Miao people described here are probably Szechwan Hua (Flowery) Miao; however, they may be White Miao. For further information on the Ch'uan Miao see 8: Graham, AE5 Miao and 9: Graham, AE5 Miao. --Analyst]

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AE5 Miao--2

10: Graham, David Crockett.

Field date: 1921- ?
Analyst: Ada Farber

Evaluation: Ethnologist - 5
Processed in 1956

111 AE5 Miao

11: Yang, Stephen C.H., Y.T. Beh, and W.R. Morse. Blood Groups of the Aboriginal Ch'wan Miao of Szechwan Province, West China. Man, Vol. 38, pp. 65-67. London: Royal Anthropological Insitiute, 1938.

Yale: Nk10. M31.v. 38-39.

/This source is a short account of a physical-anthropological research project conducted in Southwest China among both Chinese and aboriginals. In this article the blood-group distributions of the Szechwan Hua Miao are given. It is concluded that, compared to the Han Chinese inhabitants of Szechwan, the Ch'uan Miao are very low in A and high in B. There is a short description of Ch'uan Miao musical instruments. For further information on the Szechwan Hua Miao see 8: Graham, 9: Graham, and 10: Graham.--Analyst/

Field date: 1936-1937
Analyst: Arthur Fields

Evaluation: Physician--5
Processed in 1956

111 AE5 Miao

12:Wu Che-lin, Ch'en Kuo-chün and others. Studies of Miao-I Societies in Kweichow. [Kweichow Miao-I shê-hui yen-chiu.] Kweiyang: Wen-t'ung Book Co., 1942.

Library of Congress: D825 W95

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Omitted from the files: Several chapters of doubtful value.
[Foreign text has not been reproduced for technical reasons.]

[This source consists of eight chapters which deal with the non-Chinese inhabitants of South China. In addition to the Miao, the Shan-Thai are covered, and two chapters dealing with them exclusively have been marked for the Shan-Thai (AL3) file. In addition to a general coverage of the area, detailed descriptions are given of the dress of various Miao groups, their cultural differences, religion, folklore, and daily life.--Analyst]

Field date: 1939-1941
Analyst: James R. Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologists-5
Processed in 1961